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**PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Patent Application of Darwin J. Prockop et al.	: Group Art Unit: 1632 : : :
Appln. No.:	09/695,769	: Examiner: Ram R. Shukla : :
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For:	ISOLATION AND EXPANSION OF HUMAN MARROW STROMAL CELLS	: No.: 053844-5006 : (9598-101U2)

AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated November 19, 2003, sent in connection with the above-referenced application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for Two Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for response to the Final Office Action to and through April 19, 2004.